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Comments: I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. This entails first and foremost doing an Environmental Assessment (EA).
When the EA has been completed, there should be a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). There will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners withdraw.
I point to essential factors that include water quality and cultural values, such as keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation.
I am NOT asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead I want an EA, which is a much faster process. Thank you for reading and considering my request.